GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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TARGET IN FIELD OF EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments are unable to achieve the desired target in the field of education due to constraint of resources;

(b) if so, whether the need of participation of cooperative sector is felt for achieving the desired target;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other assistance proposed to be provided to the State Governments to achieve the desired objectives in the field of education?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): The National Policy on Education recommends gradual increasein investment on education to reach a level of 6 % of national income as early as possible. However, the budgetary allocations both of the Centre and States may in itself not be adequate to meet the overall needs for the development of the education sector. The National Policy on Educationtherefore, encourages non-Government and voluntary efforts, including social activist groups, in education subject to proper management and necessary action for prevention of commercialisation of education. Community participation is also encouraged including panchayati raj institutions and the cooperative sector.

State Governments are advised from time to time to resort toinnovative measures to mobilise extra budgetary resources for investment in education. Financial assistance is also provided to States based on demand and overall availability of resources under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.